

2002 Lightning Fatalities

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In 2002, there were 51 lightning fatalities, 7 more than in 2001 with 44. This number falls just below the 10-year average of 53 fatalities. For the 5th consecutive year, Florida was hardest hit with 9 fatalities (18%); Alabama had 6 fatalities, and Missouri, 5. Twenty-four of the 51 lightning deaths (47%) occurred outside in the open, and 11 (22%) happened under trees. In 2002, more than 3 times as many men (39) as women (12) were killed by lightning. The 20-49 age group accounted for 50% of the fatalities.

2002 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>BO</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>EQ</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>IW</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>UT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	6
AR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
FL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	9
GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
IL	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
MI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	5
MS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
NJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
OH	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
OK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PA	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SC	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
TN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
TX	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
UT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
VT	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
WY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	1	2	4	0	0	1	8	24	0	11	51
PERCENT	2	4	8	0	0	2	16	47	0	22	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

2002 LIGHTNING FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	2	3	0	5	10
10 TO 19	2	3	0	5	10
20 TO 29	3	5	0	8	16
30 TO 39	2	5	0	7	14
40 TO 49	1	9	0	10	20
50 TO 59	1	5	0	6	12
60 TO 69	0	5	0	5	10
70 TO 79	1	1	0	2	4
80 TO 89	0	1	0	1	2
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	2	0	2	4
TOTAL	12	39	0	51	102*
PERCENT	24	76	0	100	

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
BO - Boat
CA - Camping
EQ - Nr Hvy Equipment
GF - Golf
IW - In Water
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
TE - At Telephone
UT - Under Tree